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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

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Earthquake in Afghanistan

The Acting President of the General Assembly, on behalf of the General Assembly, extended his deepest sympathy to the Government and the people of Afghanistan for the tragic loss of life and extensive material damage which had resulted from the recent earthquake.

The representative of Afghanistan made a statement.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/56/780/Add 4) [125]

The General Assembly took note that Cape Verde had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [117]

(a) Report of the Third Committee (A/56/581)

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/883)

The Rapporteur of the Third Committee introduced the report of the Committee on agenda item 117 and orally corrected draft resolution I.

The representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya made a statement on a point of order.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the United States and Canada.

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I to IV recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 28 of its report (A/56/581).

Note: The PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA and the SUMMARY OF MEETINGS of bodies other than those of the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session appear in Part II (English/French) of the present issue of the *Journal* (No. 2002/60 (Part II)).

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	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (as orally corrected) (resolution 56/265)		adopted	
Draft resolution II (recorded vote) (resolution 56/266)	134	2	2
Draft resolution III (resolution 56/267)		adopted	
Draft resolution IV (resolution 56/268)		adopted	

The Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 29 of its report (A/56/581).

The representative of Cuba made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 117.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: reopening of the consideration of agenda item 35 (A/56/L.75) [8]

The General Assembly decided to reopen the consideration of agenda item 35 and agreed to proceed immediately to its consideration.

Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies: draft resolution (A/56/L.75) [35]

The representative of Mongolia made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.75.

The representative of Benin made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.75 (resolution 56/269).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 35.

Reports of the Fifth Committee

The Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 121, 122, 123, 125, 130 together with 131 and 132, 131, 132 and 158.

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001: reports of the Fifth Committee (A/56/653/Add.1 and A/56/735/Add.1) [122]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I to IV recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 12 of its report (A/56/653/Add.1) (resolutions 56/270, 56/271, 56/272 and 56/273).

The Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/56/735/Add.1) (resolution 56/240 B).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 122.

Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/736/Add.1) [123]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I to V recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 20 of its report (A/56/736/Add.1) (resolutions 56/274, 56/254 D, 56/275, 56/276 and 56/277).

The representatives of Cuba (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 123.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/56/728/Add.1) [125]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/56/728/Add.1) (resolution 56/243 B).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 125.

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services; Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991; Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/56/881) [130, 131 and 132]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/56/881) (resolution 56/278).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 130, 131 and 132.

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/56/730/Add.1) [131]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/56/730/Add.1) (resolution 56/247 B).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 131.

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/56/731/Add.1) [132]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/56/731/Add.1) (resolution 56/248 B).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 132.

Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/56/713/Add.1) [158]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/56/713/Add.1) (resolution 56/252 B).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 158.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/734/Add.1) 121]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/56/734/Add.1) (resolutions 56/279 and 56/280).

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/56/734/Add.1).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 121.

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